

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 10/4/06 and Interview on 11/6/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-19 and 23-28 renumbered as claims 1-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Matthew T. Ridsdale on 11/6//06.

3. Claims 8, 14, and 23-28 have been amended as follows:

8. (currently amended) A system configured to facilitate communications with a previously called party, the system comprising:

at least one telephone network element that is ~~disposed in~~ communications with a publicly switched telephone network to store a calling history for a calling party in a memory, where the calling history is generated using calling party identification information relating to the calling party, and wherein the at least one network element is configured:

to receive a dialed service code from the calling party,

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to receive calling party identification information relating to the calling party,
to retrieve a list of parties previously called by the calling party upon receiving the
dialed service code and the calling party identification information,
to generate an audio message based on the list,
to communicate the audio message to the calling party,
to receive a dialed input from the calling party, the dialed input indicating a
selected party from the list, and
to initiate a call between the calling party and the selected party based on the
dialed input.

14. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with instructions executable by a processor, the instructions configured to~~whose contents~~ cause at least one telephone network element that is disposed in a publicly switched telephone network to store a calling history for a calling party, where the calling history is generated using calling party identification information relating to the calling party, to receive a dialed service code from the calling party, to receive calling party identification information relating to the calling party, to retrieve a list of parties previously called by the calling party upon receiving the dialed service code and the calling party identification information, to generate an audio message based on the list, to communicate the audio message to the calling party, to receive a dialed input from the calling party, the dialed input indicating a selected party from the list, and to initiate a call between the calling party and the selected party based on the dialed input.

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23. (currently amended) The system ~~method~~ of claim 8 wherein the calling party identification information comprises a calling party identification code.

24. (currently amended) The system ~~method~~ of claim 8 wherein the calling party identification information comprises an automatic network interface (ANI) code.

25. (currently amended) The system ~~method~~ of claim 8 wherein the calling party identification information comprises a personal identification number.

26. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium ~~method~~ of claim 14 wherein the calling party identification information comprises a calling party identification code.

27. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium ~~method~~ of claim 14 wherein the calling party identification information comprises an automatic network interface (ANI) code.

28. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium ~~method~~ of claim 14 wherein the calling party identification information comprises a personal identification number.

4. Claims 1-7 and 20-22 are cancelled.